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Genl. J. Emery

My dear Father

Since the 2d. June when our misfortunes brought us into this Island, I have written to both Mother and yourself per different opportunities, giving you an account of the unlucky Cause.

Since my last to you (in which I mentioned the possibility of my being obliged to find my way himself thro via St. Helena or England) our Ship after the legal Surveys has been Condemned, in Consequence of being found to be, upon examination entirely rotten, having what is termed the Dry rot - all of her Stem timbers are gone, and her planks held on whilst at Sea - Seems to surprise the oldest heads - Our Agents here Messrs Hunter & Robertson have Chartered the English Ship Hanson of London Capt. Sutfin of 600 Tons register only eighteen months old and standing A. No. 1. to take our Cargo and Crew home to the U. States - She commences taking in our Cargo to morrow and expects to Sail on or before the last of the month - I shall then remain and go with her direct to New. York - The object of this letter is to inform you of these facts - that you may Communicate with the Owners of my Shipment, and learn from them their rules in such Cases, whether they are or not (which I fear is the Case) relative